

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of listening to key segments spotting a key segment in a voice message comprising the steps of:

identifying a key segment;

storing characteristics of the key segment;

receiving a voice message;

comparing the stored characteristics of the key segment against the voice message to detect the key segment in the voice message;

tagging a location of the key segment in the voice message ~~with the location of the detected~~ key segment;

receiving an enquiry to listen to for the key segment in the voice message; and

retrieving the key segment from the location for playback ~~voice message~~.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a key segment includes registering the key segment by storing an identification and a characteristic of the key segment.

3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a key segment includes predefining the key segment.

4. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the enquiry for the key segment includes speech.

5. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the characteristic of the key segment includes a pronunciation of the key segment.

6. (currently amended) A method of listening to key segments ~~spotting a key segment~~ in a voice message comprising the steps of:

receiving a voice message;

receiving an enquiry to listen to a ~~for the~~ key segment in the voice message;

either obtaining the characteristics of the key segment from predefined key segments or storing the characteristics of the key segment;

comparing the stored characteristics of the key segment against the voice message to detect the key segment in the voice message;

tagging a location of the key segment in the voice message ~~with the location of the detected~~ key segment; and

retrieving the key segment from the location for playback ~~voice message~~.

7. (original) The method of Claim 7, comprising the step of registering the key segment by storing an identification and a characteristic of the key segment.

8. (original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the characteristic of the key segment includes a pronunciation of the key segment.